

Re: Docket # 12-3 : On Ending the Blackout Rule

As a taxpayer I am incensed that – while the NFL has benefited time and again from the public largesse in the form of sin and other types of taxes for the construction of stadiums – they somehow think they can then deny some of those who helped to finance their corporate welfare, a reasonable return on their investment.

It is hideous that, those who could in no way, shape, or form, advantage themselves with a physical presence in a stadium at game time are then – short of subscription payments – then denied the escape from life that is the pleasure of a well played game because the organization failed to field a team worth the expense of seeing in person. Never mind that there are literally millions of fans who could not even begin to sacrifice the money needed to visit a stadium on a game day without visiting duress upon their families.

The situation is even further aggravated when these wealthy owners and players then abuse the public trust with strikes that further damn an oft struggling economy in the areas where the stadiums are located.

At the minimum, NFL owners should be OBLIGATED to allow the over-the-air broadcast of their games in their immediate areas, regardless of the fan count in their respective stadiums on any given game day.\

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